



**Student Representative Assembly Meeting 24H
Sunday, October 6, 2024 at 5:00pm (EDT)
Council Chambers, Gilmour Hall 111**

Called to Order at 5:07pm

Call of the Roll

Present: Arora, Batusic, Begun, Black, Dodd, Hobbs, Hu, Jeyakumar, Long, McKay, McLean, Modi, Olejarz, Pickering, Popovic, Qannam, Schaub, Sweeney, Wang
Absence Excused: Newman
Absent: Abbott, Bolca, El-Kadi, Mahmoud, Rahman
Late: Khan
Others Present: Stephanie Henry (AVP University Affairs), Alisha Haseeb (OPIRG McMaster) Jiya Rawal (OPIRG McMaster), Thush Gnanamuttu (OPIRG McMaster Community Garden) D. Stajcer (Recording Secretary)
Chair: Abigail Samuels (MSU Speaker)

Territory Recognition

- The SRA would like to recognize today that we are situated on traditional Haudenosaunee and Anishinaabe territories through the 'Dish with One Spoon Wampum Treaty'.

Adoption of Agenda

Moved by Popovic, **seconded** by Begun that the Assembly adopt the agenda, as presented.

Vote to Adopt

**In Favour: 19 Opposed: 0 Abstentions: 0
Passes Unanimously**

Announcements from the Chair

- The Speaker reminded all non-SRA members to sign the Observer's List. They informed the Assembly of the open SRA seats for the SRA by-election on October 7th: Engineering (four), Business (two), Science (one), Nursing (one), and Humanities (one). The Speaker encouraged the Assembly to spread the word and directed anyone interested to the Elections page on the MSU website. The Speaker informed everyone that they will circulate an SRA merchandise form soon to get feedback on ideas and place the order after the by-election.

Delegation from the Floor

Set Parameters

Moved by Sweeney, **seconded** by Modi that the Assembly set parameters to be 5 minutes for presentation, and 5 minutes for questions.

Vote on Parameters

**In Favour: 19 Opposed: 0 Abstentions: 0
Passes Unanimously**

1. OPIRG – Alisha Haseeb, Jiya Rawal, and Thush Gnanamuttu presented.

- OPIRG reviewed their presentation with the Assembly.

Questions

- Hu asked what the duties of the Community Garden Coordinator were.
- Gnanamuttu answered that they worked part time during the summer, for 15 hours per week, and now work five hours per week. They added that they assisted with developing an expansion behind BSB, and getting students involved. They also assisted with hiring volunteers.
- Wang asked how many students chose to opt out this year and if it was an increase or decrease from last year.
- Rawal answered that 180 students opted out this year and was unsure about the yearly comparison but was happy to investigate and provide the information outside of the meeting.
- Batusic asked if they thought they had the funding and necessary resources to spend \$1,000 on advertising for the opt-out initiative.
- Haseeb answered yes, they were able to allocate it into their budget to ensure that students were aware. They noted the goal was to really get the word out there since students are auto-enrolled.
- Schaub asked what they thought their biggest challenge would be in the upcoming year.
- Haseeb answered that OPIRG was expanding very quickly with the garden. They were working with the OPIRG Board of Directors to make certain processes more efficient to be able to support students. Haseeb added that they're able to incubate 9-10 groups at capacity but were in the works of trying to make it more efficient.
- Arora asked what the \$1,000 on advertising specifically went towards.
- Haseeb answered that it went towards their ad in the Silhouette, tabling at The Hub for financial transparency day, ads on campus screens and getting posters and postcards printed.

Report Period

1. Science Caucus – Arora presented

- Arora summarized the report.

2. Social Sciences Caucus – report circulated

- Modi summarized the report.

3. Municipal Affairs Committee – report circulated

- Hobbs summarized the report.

4. University Affairs Committee – report circulated

- Stephanie Henry summarized the report.

5. Executive Board – report circulated

- Popovic said they were unable to read the entire report and encouraged Assembly members to review it and direct any questions to Bolca.

6. Vice-President (Finance) Report – Sweeney presented

- Sweeney summarized the report.

Information Period

- Popovic informed the Assembly that Homecoming was a great success, the football game went extremely well, and they received increasingly positive feedback on the event. They added that it had been six years the last Homecoming. They noted a few concerns with the event: the struggle with acquiring volunteers/workers to assist with stations and the slow-moving lines, as Campus Security had closed four out of the six entrance lines, although they were unsure as to why this occurred. Popovic said that the main goal for the event was to bring campus culture back and build a community, while at the same time targeting unsanctioned street parties and putting students in a safer, more positive environment.

Question Period

- No questions were asked.

Business

1. Finance Committee Year Plan

Moved by Sweeney, **seconded** by McKay that the Assembly approve the Finance Committee year plan, as circulated.

- Sweeney provided a summary of the Finance Committee year plan.

Vote on Motion

In Favour: 19 Opposed: 0 Abstentions: 0
Passes Unanimously

2. Proposed changes to Operating Policy – Ontario Undergraduate Student Alliance (OUSA)

Moved by Hobbs, **seconded** by Sweeney the Assembly approve the proposed changes to **Operating Policy – Ontario Undergraduate Student Alliance (OUSA)**, as circulated.

- Hobbs reviewed the memo and explained the proposed changes.

Vote on Motion

In Favour: 19 Opposed: 0 Abstentions: 0
Passes Unanimously

3. OUSA Fall General Assembly Delegate Ratification

Moved by Hobbs, **seconded** by Long that the Assembly ratify the following delegates for the Ontario Undergraduate Student Alliance Fall 2024 General Assembly:

- Simran Ram
- Tiya Patel
- Violet Randle-Bragg
- Amelia Glaab
- David Feboke

- Stephanie Henry
 - Yaseen Khan
 - Jazzlyn Abbott
 - Jovan Popovic
 - Maya Hobbs
 - Declan Sweeney (observer)
- Hobbs reviewed the memo with the Assembly.

Vote on Motion

In Favour: 19 Opposed: 0 Abstentions: 0
Passes Unanimously

4. Open nominations for one (1) MSU member on the Clubs Advisory Council

Moved by Popovic, **seconded** by Arora that the Assembly open nominations for one (1) MSU member seat on the Clubs Advisory Council.

- Popovic said that the seat needed to be filled.

Vote on Motion

In Favour: 19 Opposed: 0 Abstentions: 0
Passes Unanimously

5. Close nominations for one (1) MSU member on the Clubs Advisory Council

- The Speaker announced that there were no nominations and recommended postponing closing the seat to the next meeting.

Moved by Hu, **seconded** by Popovic that the Assembly postpone closing nominations for one (1) MSU seat on the Clubs Advisory Council to SRA 24I.

Vote on Motion

In Favour: 19 Opposed: 0 Abstentions: 0
Passes Unanimously

Time of Next Meeting

October 20, 2024
5:00pm (EDT)
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Chair: Rawal (OPIRG McMaster), Thush Gnanamuttu (OPIRG McMaster Community Garden) D. Stajcer (Recording Secretary)
Abigail Samuels (MSU Speaker)

Adjournment

Moved by Popovic, **seconded** by Black that the meeting be adjourned.

In Favour: 19 Opposed: 0 Abstentions: 0
Motion Passes Unanimously

Adjourned at 5:47pm

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